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Note verbale dated 7 April 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations presents its compliments to His Excellency the United Nations Secretary-General and wishes to transmit herewith a letter dated 7 April 2011 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for distribution to all Member States of the United Nations (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 7 April 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: Arabic]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia presents its compliments to the office of the Secretary-General, United Nations Secretariat.

The Ministry wishes to inform the Secretary-General that missions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the Islamic Republic of Iran have recently been subjected to grave and repeated attacks. Organized groups held demonstrations in front of the embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Tehran and the Consulate General in Mashhad, pelting both buildings with stones. Iranian security personnel were present around the premises and in the surrounding streets but did not respond to the attacks.

The Government of Saudi Arabia strongly denounces the violations to which its diplomatic missions in the Islamic Republic of Iran have been subjected. It considers that in accordance with international laws and conventions, the Iranian Government bears full responsibility for protecting its missions and all of its staff on Iranian territory.

The Government of Saudi Arabia requests that the Iranian Government should take the necessary measures to comply with its international obligation to ensure the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and their staff and economic interests on Iranian territory, in accordance with international law, the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly.

We hope that you will take such action as you deem appropriate in order to prevent the recurrence of such attacks, which are inconsistent with international norms and instruments.